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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08203.0030-01000

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3743
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Dinnatia DOSTER GREENE
Filed: June 20, 2003) Confirmation No. 7588
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005. A fee payment of \$1020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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